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SUMMARY: MR IV EXCLUDES AMERICANS FROM DAILY BRIEFING.

A VC KHMER BATTALION IS TRAINING IN VINH BINH. THE
INDONESIAN ICCS DELEGATES DISPLAY AGGRESSIVENESS. BA
XUYEN IS LOSING THREE INEFFECTIVE DISTRICT CHIEFS.

1. SECURITY SITUATION: (A) BECAUSE MR IV HAS DENIED
CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICERS ACCESS TO ITS DAILY BRIEFING
(CAN THO 0438 EXDIS) WE ARE UNABLE TO PASS ALONG ARVN
ESTIMATES OF JUNE 13 CASUALTIES AND INCIDENTS.

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(B) A VC ETHNIC KHMER BATTALION IS REPORTEDLY ON A TRAINING MISSION IN TIEU CAN DISTRICT, VINH BINH. THE 512 TH BATTALION, ALSO KNOWN AS THE THIRD KHMER BATTALION, WAS ORGANIZED JANUARY 28 AS THE VC' S FIRST ETHNIC KHMER MILITARY UNIT (CAN THO 0310). WE ESTIMATE ITS STRENGTH AT 85, UP FROM 50 AMONTH AGO.

(C) AN EXPECTED VC OFFENSIVE OPERATION IN VINH BINH MAY HAVE BEEN THWARTED BY AN ACTIVE GVN COUNTERTHRUST. PROVINCE CHIEF COLNGUYEN HUU KIEM CARRIED OUT OPERATIONS IN THE BA DONG AREA, LONG TOAN DISTRICT, FORMERLY CONCEDED TO THE VC (CAN THO 0404). PROVINCE- WIDE GVN FORCES REPORTEDLY KILLED 133 VC DURING THE TWO WEEKS OF MAY 27 TO JUNE 10, ALMOST DOUBLE THE AVERAGE SINCE THE CEASE-FIRE. CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS CONTINUE TO AVERAGE ABOUT TEN A WEEK.

2. ICCS: (A) A CANADIAN REGION VII ICCS MEMBER HAS NOTED THAT THE INDONESIANS ARE DISPLAYING A NEW ASSERTIVENESS ON NWE COMMISSION, POSSIBLY IN RECOGNITION THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE TO ASSUME THE LEADING ROLE INITHAWING THE POLISH- HUNGARIAN FREEZE ON ICCS ACTIVITIES. HE CITED THE EXAMPLE OF AN NVA PRISONER INTERVIEW THE CANADIANS AND INDONESIANS CONDUCTED WITH AN NVA SOLDIER. CAPTURED IN CHUONG THIEN, HE HAD INFILTRATED SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE THE CEASEFIRE. THE CANADIANS WANTED TO DROP THE REPORT SINCE IT WAS NOT A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 7. THE INDONESIANS INSISTED ON FORWARDING IT, HOWEVES, CHARGING A VIOLATION UNDER 3 C, THE CESSATION OF HOSTIGCTIES PROVISION. THE INDONESIAN NOTED, " AT LEAST IT MIGHT HELP THOSE PEOPLE IN CHUONG THIEN TO MAKE IT KNOWN THAT NVA TROOPS ARE VIOLATING THE CEASEFIRE THERE."

(B) REGION VII GVN/ JMC CHIEF COL NGUYEN TIEN LOC TOLD TWO CANADIAN ICCS OFFICERS JUNE 13 THAT HE DID NOT THINK MALAYSIA WOULD BE A SATISFACTORY ICCS MEMBER. HE SAID THAT MALAYSIA WAS " POLITICALLY WEAK INTERNALLY" AND COULD NOT STAND UP TO THE COMMUNIST ICCS MEMBERS. HE SAID THAT IF NO SATISFACTORY REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA COULD BE FOUND THE GVN M
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